Purchasing of nuclear reactors

1402. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount to be paid by Government for purchasing nuclear reactors from USA;

(b) whether Government turned down the offer of Russian Government to sell its reactors at cheaper rates; and

(c) the reasons for preferring US nuclear reactors over Russian reactors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) It is too early to define the amount to be paid for purchasing nuclear reactors from USA.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

CISF in coalfields of Chhindwara

†1403. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was called to prevent theft in Pench and Kanhan coalfields of Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh in the recent past;

(b) the details of the cases of coal theft detected by the CISF;

(c) whether the CISF is still working to check the occurrences of coal theft and its illegal transportation;

(d) whether CISF has been withdrawn from there; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) In Pench Area of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh CISF has been deployed w.e.f. 16.10.2007 to check theft and pilferage of coal. However, in Kanhan Area, no CISF personnel have been deployed so far.

(b) The details of the cases of coal theft detected by the CISF in Pench Area are given below:—

Sl. No.	Date	Name of Mine	Coal seized (Tonnes)	Value of coal seized (Rs.)	FIR No. and date	No. of persons arrested	Remarks
1	9.12.07	Vishnupuri-II Pench Area	11.630	21,885	526/07 and 528/07 dated 12.12.07.	03	Extra coal seized at the time of re-weighment of the truck
2.	2.3.08	Pench East, Pench Area	18.110	25,000	105/08 dated 3.3.08	01	Coal loaded truck was caught without gate-pass
	TOTAL		29.740	46,885		04	

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) CISF has not been withdrawn from Pench Area. As on date, 125 CISF personnel under one Assistant Commandant are deployed to check occurrence of coal theft, illegal coal transportation and illegal mining in Pench Area.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply given above.

Collapsing of various coal mines

1404. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons (workers) who died due to collapsing of various coal mines in the country during the last three years, coal mine-wise, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of reasons for such mishappenings;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate compensation was not paid to the families of the victims;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) The details of persons died due to collapsing (fall of roof and sides) of various coal mines in the country during the last three years, coal mine-wise, year-wise and State-wise alongwith reasons for such mishapenings are given in a Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. Compensation as per Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 is paid to the families of the victims of mine accidents.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (c) above.

(e) To prevent recurrence of such mishappenings, in addition to complying with the statutory provisions related to safety in coal mines, the following broad steps have been taken:

1. Coal companies have established a structured multi-disciplinary Internal Safety Organization (ISO) to assist the line management at various levels in matters related to Safety.

2. Coal companies have introduced Risk Assessment based Safety Management Plan for its mines to mitigate potential dangers.

3. Safety Audit is being conducted regularly for all mines. Recently two stage Safety Audit system has been introduced, in which in the first stage the deficiencies, if any, in the Safety System are detected and remedial measures suggested and in the second stage compliance of the suggested measures in checked through the Audit.

4. For reduction of Roof & Side fall accidents: Coal companies give priority for ensuring proper roof support management through:

   Adoption of systematic Support Plan based on Roack-mass-rating (RMR) of over-lying roof strata.